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Dear Norman,


I read your article in The Nation of 20 January. Apparently there has been some disconnect between my understanding of what I said at New Haven and your interpretation of it. To begin with, I never have acknowledged "rewriting Agency reports to meet the requirements of policy." That is the furthest thing from my intent. Let me also point out that your ultimate recommendation that the CIA be disbanded and political intelligence be given over to the State Department would expressly place intelligence under a policy maker. The principal reason for having a CIA analytic function is that it is the only place in the government where such work can be divorced from policy making.

Beyond that, I certainly didn't intend to say that we were "virtually at war." There are some words in my text about being at war with narcotics traffickers and international terrorists, but that is all.

To help clarify these things I am enclosing a copy of the full transcript of what I said.

Warm regards.

Yours,



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Enclosure

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